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SUBJ: NEW TEAM INSTALLED

1. PRESIDENT BONGO INAUGURATED AS PRESIDENT IN  
BRIEF 7 MARCH CEREMONY; NO SPEECHES.

2. INAUGURAL SESSION OF NEW NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TOOK  
PLACE 6 MARCH AND ASSEMBLY OFFICIALLY INSTALLED  
7 MARCH. GEORGES DAMAS- ALEKA RE- ELECTED ASSEMBLY  
PRESIDENT.

3. NEW CABINET ANNOUNCED AFTER 7 MARCH CEREMONIES.  
CHANGES PRODUCED FURTHER DIMINUTION OF FANG IN-  
FLUENCE AND DECLINE IN FORTUNES OF FORMER INTERIOR  
MINISTER LT. COL. RAPHAEL MAMIKA.

4. FANG FADEOUT WAS EXPECTED. NEITHER  
AGRICULTURE MINISTER OBIANG EKOMIE, WHO DROPPED OUT,  
NOR MINISTER OF STATE NGUEMA- NDONG, WHO LOST SOME  
MORE SLOTS ARE PARTICULARLY HIGHLY REGARDED.

5. SURPRISE SWITCH WAS MAMIKA TRADING KEY INTERIOR  
PORTFOLIO TO DEPUTY VICE- PRESIDENT JEAN STANILAS  
MIGOLET IN RETURN FOR RELATIVELY INSIGNIFICANT LABOR  
MINISTRY. POSSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR HIS AT LEAST  
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TEMPORARY ECLIPSE IS MAKOKOU INCIDENT INVOLVING  
EXPULSION OF THREE FRENCH PRIESTS ( EMBTEL 145);  
MAKOKOU IS IN MAMIAKA'S HOME REGION AND FRENCH  
EMBASSY IS KNOWN TO BELIEVE MAMIAKA FALSIFIED REPORT  
ON INCIDENT TO PUT BLAME ON FRENCH AND THUS ABSOLVE  
HIMSELF OF ANY RESPONSIBILITY.

6. AFTER JANUARY NATIONAL CONGRESS AND FEBRUARY  
ELECTION , GABON NOW GEARING UP FOR MARCH 12 FETE  
DE LA REVOLUTION, ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF  
BONGO'S PARTI DEMOCRATIQUE GABONAIS. AFTER TWO  
MONTHS OF MAINTAINING STEADY HIGH PITCH OF ENTHU-  
SIASM FOR ALL THINGS BONGO, GABONESE PEOPLE WILL  
HOPEFULLY HAVE EARNED RESPITE.

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